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SUBJECT: WMO FINANCIAL SITUATION

1. WMO SECRETARIAT STATES THAT ITS CASH RESOURCES WILL BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE END OF OCTOBER 1975, IF PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUES.
2. WORKING CAPITAL FUND CONTAINS \$850,000 AS OF 18 SEPTEMBER. APPROXIMATELY \$400,000 IS NEEDED TO MEET SEPTEMBER PAYROLL AND OTHER EXPENSES. OCTOBER EXPENSES ESTIMATED AT \$620,000.
3. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF 1975 PAYMENTS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$100,000 BY END OF OCTOBER, OF WHICH \$50,000 ALREADY RECEIVED. INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS WILL APPROACH ZERO AS WORKING CAPITAL FUND DRAWN DOWN
4. SECRETARIAT POINTS OUT THAT IF ALL MEMBERS IN ARREARS MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS BY END 1975, EXCEPT USA, THESE WOULD TOTAL ONLY \$188,000 ADDITIONAL. IT IS CLEAR, THEREFORE, THAT WITHOUT US PAYMENT THERE IS NO HOPE FOR WMO TO MEET ITS EXPENSES AFTER

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OCTOBER 1975.

5. THUS IT IS URGENT FOR US TO MAKE AT LEAST PART OF ITS 1975 PAYMENT OF \$1,683,188 BY END OF OCTOBER, IF SECRETARIAT IS TO REMAIN SOLVENT THROUGHOUT REMAINDER OF 1975. NORMAL RATE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBERS MAKING 1976 PAYMENTS SHOULD EASE SITUATION AFTER BEGINNING OF NEW FINANCIAL PERIOD IN JANUARY. IF PAYMENT IN INSTALLMENTS WOULD BE MORE PRACTICABLE FOR USA, SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE QUITE ACCEPTABLE TO SECRETARIAT. THEY WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF POSSIBLE DATES OF EACH PARTIAL PAYMENTS.

6. SECRETARIAT ASSURES MISSION THAT REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS ARE NOT (REPEAT NOT) BEING USED IN THE 4 COUNTRIES COVERED BY PASSMAN AMENDMENT; I.E., LAOS, CAMBODIA, NORTH VIETNAM, SOUTH VIETNAM. DALE

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